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Roommate #2:

**“She rented out my bed to homeless
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Husband: Wife faked cancer for freebies



► After their wedding, Michael O'Connell told an upstate newspaper that his wife, Jessica Vega, was lying about having leukemia.

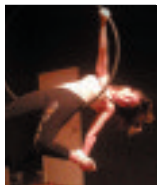
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Teacher found beaten to death

A teacher at LaGuardia High School was found beaten to death at her Midtown apartment yesterday. After getting a 911 call at about 9:30 a.m., police rushed to the home to discover Karyn Kay, 63, lying inside her apartment on West 55th Street with severe head trauma. She was pronounced dead at Cornell Hospital. Her 19-year-old son was taken into custody at the scene, the Daily News reported.

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In the news



Adrian Grenier quits food coop

Adrian Grenier has flown the coop. Or rather, the Park Slope Food Coop. Rumors swirled that Grenier was kicked out of the co-op, but he took to Twitter yesterday to assure everyone he's just shopping at the Greene Hill Food Co-op now. Grenier calls Clinton Hill home, which is where the Greene Hill Food Co-op is located.

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AG: Bride veiled truth

► Prosecutors: Bride bamboozled well-meaning neighbors out of thousands of dollars ► Say she lied about dying for pricey wedding

They thought they were fulfilling her last dying wish.

Family, friends and even strangers rallied to fund a lavish wedding and honeymoon for a suburban New York woman who said she was dying of cancer. But it was all a lie, prosecutors announced yesterday.

State prosecutors say Jessica Vega, 25, lied to just about

everyone in her town of Montgomery, N.Y., about 75 miles outside of Manhattan.

Vega is accused of claiming she had leukemia. She faked the illness to solicit donations for what she said was her last wish, to wed the father of her child, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said yesterday. Family and friends chipped in to give her a wedding.

And when the local newspaper, the Times Herald-Record, picked up her alleged tall tale, more donations poured in. A wedding dress shop in town, Bella Couture Bridal, gave Vega a dress worth more than \$1,000. Others paid for her Aruba honeymoon.

Schneiderman said yesterday Vega posed as a "dying bride."

"By pretending to have a terminal illness, Vega inexcusably took advantage of the community's hearts and minds and profited off of their generosity," Schneiderman said. "Our office will hold this individual accountable for fleecing the public through lies and deception."

Vega is also accused of stealing thousands from local restaurant Nu-Cavu, where she had her wedding reception, Schneiderman said.

After the 2010 wedding, Vega's husband, Michael O'Connell — they have since reportedly divorced — confessed the scam to the Herald-Record. He said he too had been preparing for his wife's death, but



► A bridal shop even gave Jessica Vega, right, a free wedding gown when they heard her "plight."

They faked it

Vega's not the first to be accused of lying about cancer.

1 Canadian Ashley Kirilow, 23, posed as a cancer patient for more than a year, raising nearly \$30,000 and a free trip to Disney World. To continue the scam, she even shaved off her hair and eyebrows to resemble a cancer patient. She was sentenced to house arrest.

2 In Baltimore, prosecutors said Dina Leone, 37, faked stomach cancer, and was charged with theft after friends donated money.

3 Keele Maynor blogged about her Chattanooga, Tenn., life with breast cancer — which turned out to be a lie, according to authorities. She was sentenced to prison in 2010.

later found out she was lying. He told the newspaper that a doctor's note Vega provided claiming she had leukemia was faked.

Vega was arrested in Virginia on April 3 and was arraigned on April 6. Schneiderman announced yesterday that Vega was indicted on multiple charges of fraud and grand larceny. She could face up to four years in prison.



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A mental health issue?

NEW YORK. Dr. Gini Graham Scott, author of "The Truth About Lying," who does not know Vega, said that lying is not always a sign of a mental health issue. Sometimes, she said, even complicated deception can be a pragmatic decision.

"People lie for various

reasons. Sometimes it's to get in front of the general public and just basically get attention, get support," she said. "She might have seen this as, 'Okay, well, I can get all of these things for my wedding if I lie, nobody's going to get hurt.'"

Scott said this is not the first possible cancer lie she's heard. "They think they can get out of it by saying, 'I had remission,'" she added.

Wildfires continue to burn in Suffolk County

SUFFOLK COUNTY. Gov. Andrew Cuomo declared a state of emergency on the eastern end of Long Island yesterday, as three sections within a 2,000-acre area continued to burn in a massive brush fire last night.

Three firefighters have been injured so far battling the blaze, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone said yes-

1K Nearly 1,000 acres have been destroyed by the LI blaze, and three homes and one commercial building were destroyed.

terday.

A brush fire in Staten Island burned itself out yesterday. **REUTERS**



► Hynes

Brooklyn DA launches an anti-bullying contest

BROOKLYN. The Kings County district attorney's office announced their second annual anti-bullying video contest yesterday.

All students in the fourth through ninth grades throughout Brooklyn are encouraged to enter the contest by submitting a 90-second video about bullying, DA Charles Hynes said. The video

should answer one of the following questions: 1) What is bullying? 2) How does bullying make you feel? 3) What does a bully look like? 4) How can you stop a bully? 5) What should you do if you are being bullied?

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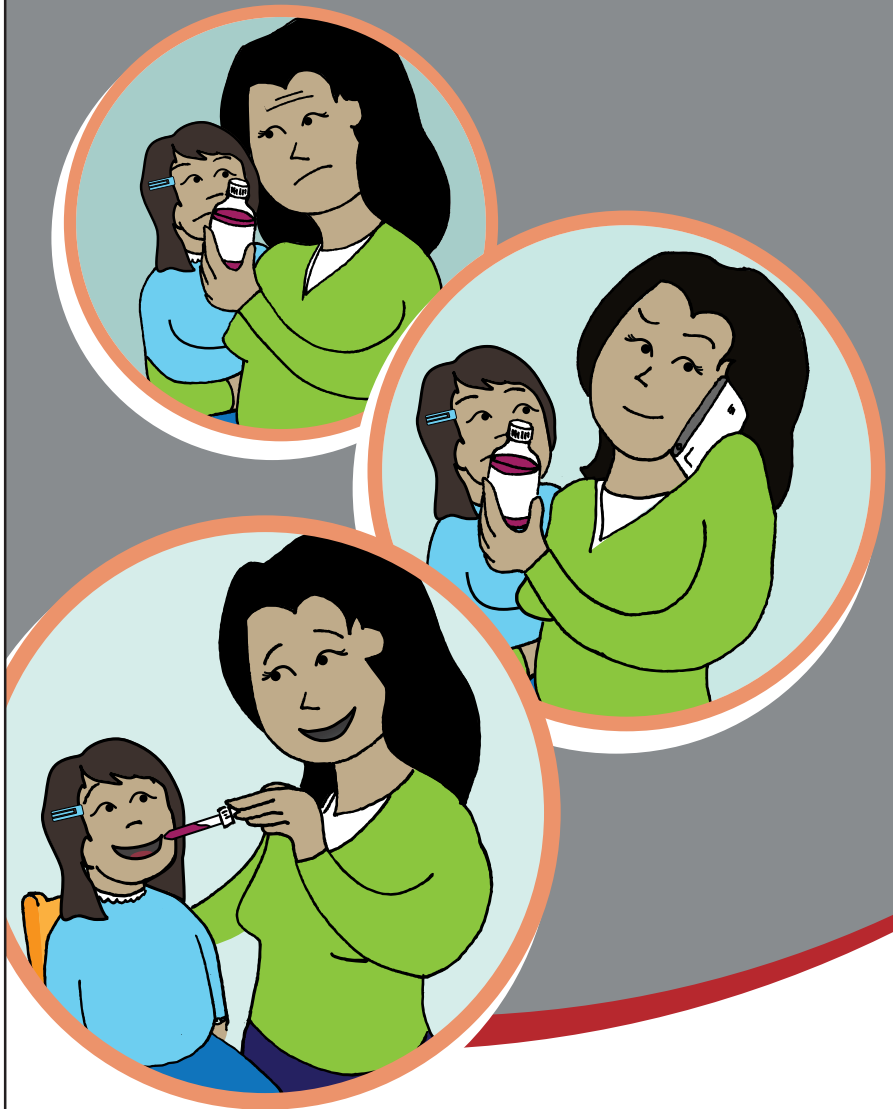


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Police search for dapper groper on the UES, SoHo

A man who police described as a "well-dressed" criminal has been groping women in some of the poshest neighborhoods in Manhattan.

The crimes began Feb. 25, according to cops, when the man approached a 33-year-old woman from behind at 62nd Street and Park Avenue on the Upper East Side just after noon, grabbing her inner thigh and then fleeing.

The next day, at around 11:15 a.m., the man grabbed a 31-year-old woman at the corner of Varick and King streets in SoHo. He touched her buttocks and private area, according to police.

On Feb. 27, the third day in a row cops suspect this man of a groping crime, he again returned to the Upper East Side. He approached a 19-year-old woman at Second Avenue and East 67th Street at around 2 p.m., grabbing her buttocks and running away.

A month passed, and then



► Suspected groper

cops say that on March 30 the dapper pervert grabbed a 22-year-old woman, putting his hand in between her legs, at the corner of Centre and Chambers streets by City Hall just before 8 p.m.

Each time, he groped a woman and then fled, cops said. Police described the suspect, shown in a video, as in

his 30s, 5'11" and about 180 pounds.

In a separate string of crimes, police are also looking for a Queens groper who they say has groped four women on city streets during the past month and a half.

His most recent molestation occurred Sunday, when a Sunnyside woman was sexually attacked. A passerby chased the attacker away. Several City Council members, including Speaker Christine Quinn, spoke out about the violence yesterday morning and warned women in Sunnyside to be careful.

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio will hit the streets today to distribute a bilingual guide about preventing sexual assault. He is also offering free services to escort people home from the subway, according to de Blasio's office.



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Stolen cell phones soon worthless

Mobile carriers led by Verizon Wireless and AT&T announced yesterday they have agreed to disable smartphones that are reported stolen to help stem an increase in device thefts.

The companies will begin blocking stolen devices within six months, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski said at a press conference in Washington, D.C. She was joined by New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly and

“What we’re doing is drying up the market for stolen cell phones and other types of devices.”

**POLICE COMMISSIONER
RAYMOND KELLY**

Cathy Lanier, who leads the police force in D.C.

“Carriers, with the push of a button, will be able to take highly prized stolen instruments and turn them into worthless pieces of plastic,” Kelly said yesterday at the press conference. “What we’re doing is drying up the market for stolen cell phones and other types of devices.”

Carriers will now go beyond deactivating SIM cards that store a user’s account information and will deactivate the device itself, using the phone’s unique identification number.

The companies’ actions “will help to deter smartphone thefts and protect the personal information on them,” Steve Largent, president of CTIA-The Wireless Association, said in a statement.

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► More than 40 percent of all New York robberies involve smartphones, and thieves often steal on the subways.

Smartphone theft now skyrocketing

Theft of iPhones and other smartphones is a “growing epidemic,” with more than 40 percent of all robberies in New York City involving smartphones and other wireless devices, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

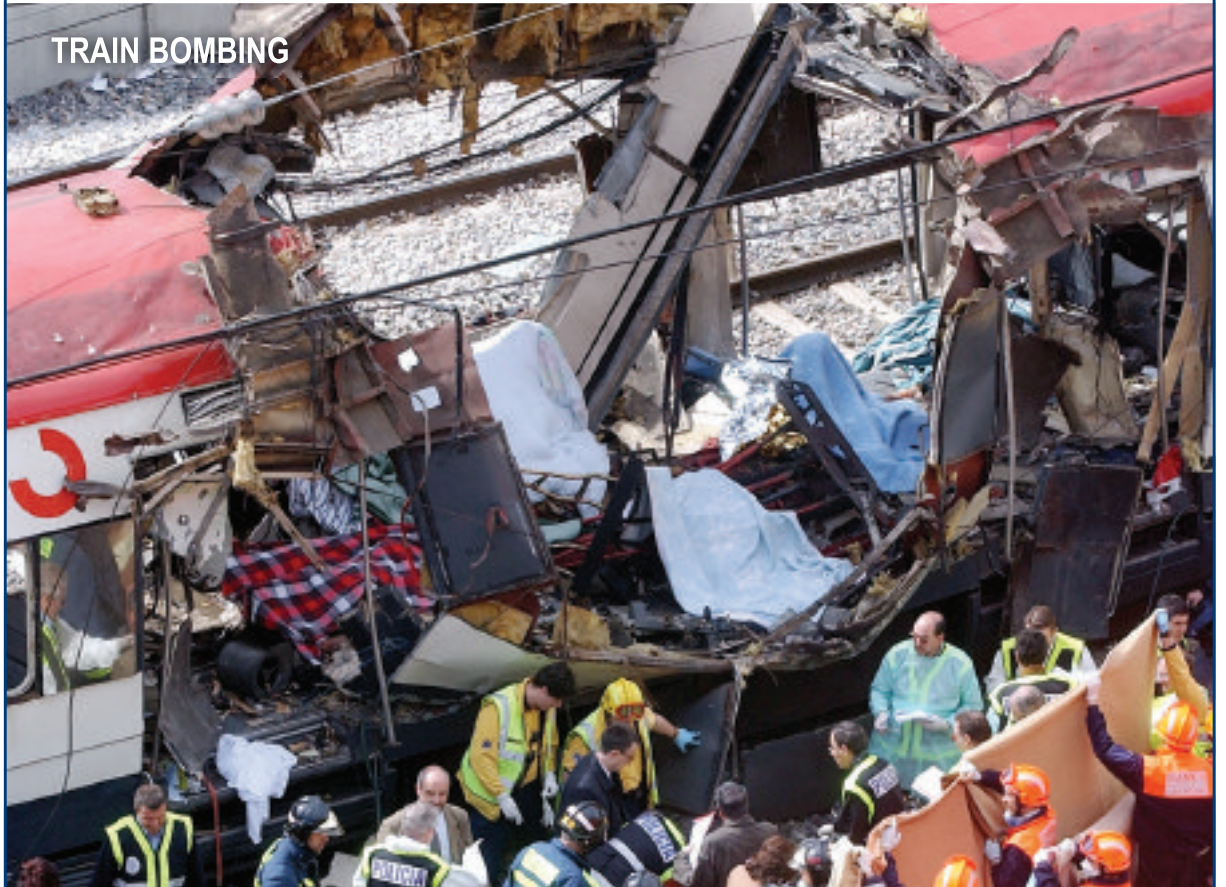
Nationwide there has been a sharp increase in robberies of

communication devices including phones, smartphones and tablet computers — often through violent attacks — the Major Cities Chiefs Association said in a Feb. 12 resolution. The group represents police chiefs in the 50 largest U.S. cities including New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles.

The chiefs association in its resolution asked the FCC to require that telecommunications companies have the capability to track and disable stolen devices.

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Well, that's over. In the end, Rick Santorum — who ended his long-shot presidential campaign yesterday at a surprise press conference in Gettysburg, Pa. — chose the easy way out.

"We made a decision over the weekend," Santorum said, "that while this presidential race for us is over, for me, and we will suspend our campaign today, we are not done fighting." He pointedly failed to mention his nearest rival, the more-inevitable-than-ever Mitt Romney.

Santorum wasn't clear on the reasons for his campaign suspension. He did mention his ill daughter, Bella, who was released from the hospital Monday after a weekend in which the candidate canceled

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SANTORUM YESTERDAY, ANNOUNCING THE SUSPENSION OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

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SANTORUM, EXACTLY ONE WEEK AGO

"Game's over, dude."

JON STEWART ON SANTORUM LAST THURSDAY, ON 'THE DAILY SHOW'

campaign events for her sake.

Cynical poll-watchers will point to depressing numbers for the upcoming April 24 primary in Pennsylvania — the state Santorum represented in Congress until 2006 — as a simple reason for his departure. A loss in his "home state" would have dealt the Santorum brand an embarrassing blow, especially after the 18-point defeat he suffered just six years ago, the largest losing margin of an incumbent senator for some 30 years. As it stands, the surprisingly successful campaign could give the candidate the chance of another presidential run in 2016.

The Romney campaign had already committed to throwing \$2.9 million into the Pennsylvania race and ending Santorum once and for all. Adding insult, the ad assault was going to aim squarely at his Senate loss. "We fired him as senator, why promote him to president?" one ad asked.

Of course, there remain three total candidates in the Republican race: Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich has vowed to stay in all the way to the convention, and Rep. Ron Paul has yet to repudiate his mysterious caucus strategy. Then there's Romney, still as ever the likely nominee.

There are some (see: us) who say the conservative crusader never stood a real chance at the highest office in the nation. But for all of Santorum's detractors (see again: us) it's hard to deny the campaign's accomplishments. What began as a shoestring effort launched out of a borrowed pickup truck emerged as a real candidacy capable of moving issues starkly rightward. And though he's officially out, his impact persists. As Romney pivots back toward the center, the specter of Santorum will remain.

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'Obamacare' could worsen US debt?

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Instead of curbing government spending, President Barack Obama's health care law could add up to \$530 billion to the federal debt over 10 years, a Republican expert on U.S. government benefit programs said yesterday.

A study by Charles Blahous, a George Mason University research fellow and the Republican trustee for the Medicare and Social Security entitlement programs for the elderly, challenged the administration's contention that the 2010 law would reduce health care costs.

But the Obama administration defended the law as a cost-saver and sharply criticized the report by Blahous, an economic policy adviser under former President George W. Bush.

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Care Act," or by conservatives as "Obamacare," the measure to expand health insurance for millions of Americans is considered Obama's signature domestic policy achievement.

The Supreme Court is weighing whether Congress overstepped its authority to regulate commerce in approving the law.

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Obama team slams Romney for not paying 'fair share' of taxes

GETTY IMAGES



President Barack Obama's campaign team attacked Mitt Romney yesterday for not paying his "fair share" of taxes, escalating rhetoric against the top Republican presidential hopeful to try to paint him as an elitist who is out of touch with ordinary Americans.

Obama, who has made tax fairness a key part of his re-

election message, will pile on the pressure later in the day at a speech in Florida, urging support for the Buffett Rule, named after billionaire investor and Obama supporter Warren Buffett.

It calls for people making more than \$1 million a year to be taxed at a higher rate than middle-class families. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Baseball manager suspended for Castro comments

MIAMI. Manager Ozzie Guillen was suspended by the Miami Marlins for five games after making comments in support of former Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Guillen, a Venezuelan who has lived in Miami for a decade, apologized at a news conference in the Marlins' stadium this morning.

Guillen told Time magazine for an article was released on April 5 that "I



love Fidel Castro," before clarifying his comments, according to the magazine.

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Norway mass killer deemed sane in new finding

OSLO, NORWAY. Anders Behring Breivik was sane when he killed 77 people in attacks he saw as punishing pro-immigration "traitors"

in Norway, a psychiatric team said yesterday, contradicting a prior report that found him psychotic.

The new report could give judges grounds to sentence Breivik to prison instead of a psychiatric facility.

Breivik himself has insisted he is mentally stable and demanded that his attacks — the most violent in Norway since World War II — be judged as political militancy and not the work of a deranged mind.

Breivik has admitted detonating a bomb that killed eight people at government headquarters in Oslo on July 22, 2011, then massacring 69 people with gunfire at a Labour Party summer camp.

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THE WORD



Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Did Lisa Rinna make a career misstep? It Depends!

Maybe you've seen **Lisa Rinna** star in a new Depend adult diapers commercial. But in case you haven't, here's the recap: The 48-year-old is filmed wearing a skintight black dress on the red carpet — but, surprise! She's also wearing Depend's new Silhouette for Women line underneath that dress.

"I am wearing an evening gown, for God's sake!" she says in the commercial. "And you can't tell I have it on. Check out the boo-tay!" She then commands her poor husband **Harry Hamlin** to touch her tush to check it out for himself.

Surprising? Yes. Commercials for adult diapers are not the most, say, sexy of things to star in. But Rinna swears she's

not talking about incontinence in order to keep herself in lip injections — she did it for charity and women's rights.

"They donated \$225,000 to Dress for Success if I tried them on in the commercial," the actress told the Huffington Post, meaning she must have pocketed a little extra on top of that donation. "That's why I did it. Plus, I loved their campaign."

Rinna continues: "I don't endorse many products." (Ed note: True! The last time she was a "celebrity spokeswoman" was for The Flex Belt Abdominal Toning Belt; do with that information what you will.) "When I was first asked, I was surprised," she explains. "I'm not the first person



► Is Lisa Rinna the new, Botoxed face of incontinence?

"I believe women should feel good about themselves — and if that means they need to talk about their problems, then absolutely. We need to help each other." RINNA

you think of when you think of Depend. ... I believe women should feel good about themselves — and if that means they need to talk about their problems, then absolutely. We need to help each other. I was not afraid to do this."

I believe that too, as should most women. And it's not wearing an adult diaper that makes me roll my eyes — it's the fact that she used the word "boo-tay" to describe her butt.

Bynes: Back to the bar!

Less than 24 hours after being arrested for driving under the influence after colliding with a cop car, **Amanda Bynes** and pals reportedly went back to the same bar she'd been drinking at before the incident — but this time she was denied entry, according to TMZ. Sources say the bar's staff was aware of her arrest — and her presence there the night before — and decided against her returning. Bynes and her friends reportedly left without incident.



Bynes



The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Bette Midler wants better tech manners, Ralph Macchio is getting some culture, and Sarah Silverman wants you to relax.

► **@BetteMidler:** Jeez! I just bumped into a crowd a people all looking down at their devices!! Look up, people!!

► **@ralphmacchio:** Taking in some Broadway today. Vintage musical theatre on the menu.

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Fey's bootleg Muppets and a pup

1 Jane Fallon and boyfriend Ricky Gervais visited "Late Show With David Letterman" at Ed Sullivan Theater on Monday in New York City.

2 Kevin Kline posed for a photo with a puppy from The North Shore Animal League at the after-party for a screening of his new film, "Darling Companion," on Monday in New York City.

3 Tina Fey was spotted with some Muppet knock-offs while filming on location for "30 Rock" on Monday in New York City.

4 Musician Ronnie Wood opened his art show, titled "Faces, Time and Places," at 498 Broome Street on Monday in New York City.

5 Zac Efron popped up at the world premiere of his new film "The Lucky One" on Monday in Sydney, Australia.

6 Kanye West and 2 Chainz, who has worked with West this past year, stopped by the 106 & Park Studio on Monday in New York City.

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Krysten Ritter owns the B-word

► The antihero at the (black) heart of new sitcom 'Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23' isn't very likable — and that's the point

It may seem harsh to refer to your main character as a b—, But there's really no other way to describe opportunist Chloe (Krysten Ritter) in the new ABC sitcom "Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23." With the self-professed "morals of a pirate," Chloe is an unaffected schemer whose only loyalties lie with her close friends.

"If Holly Golightly and Satan had a child, it would be my character," admits Ritter.

James Van Der Beek, who plays Chloe's best friend James Van Der Beek in a gleeful send-up of the "Dawson's Creek" star, has a slightly different

Quoted

"As long as I approach my character in making positive choices, that the end result seems to be somewhat heartfelt, you can get away with it." RITTER

view: "[She's] the love child of Lucille Ball and Sid Vicious," he says.

No matter her mythical parentage, Chloe tiptoes the

line between bad and just plain awful — in the pilot, she robs her sweet, new-to-New-York roommate, June (Dreama Walker) — which means the balance between audiences loving or loathing Ms. B is even more precarious.

But Ritter rationalizes that Chloe's actions, despite how outlandish they seem, aren't always selfish. (Wait till you see how Chloe suggests June dump her boyfriend in tonight's premiere.) "As long as I approach my character in making positive choices, that the end result seems to be somewhat heartfelt, you can get away with it,"

she says.

After all, even seemingly naive June is able to crack Chloe's tough-girl persona and ultimately become a member of her oddball entourage.

"June definitely ... out-smarts Chloe a little bit," Walker says. "That's part of our dynamic and part of what makes her respect me and like me in the end."

So is the B-word a severe moniker after all? Ritter doesn't think so.

"I'm an evil b—," she says.



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► Krysten Ritter, left, and Dreama Walker star in "Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23," premiering tonight at 9:31 on ABC.

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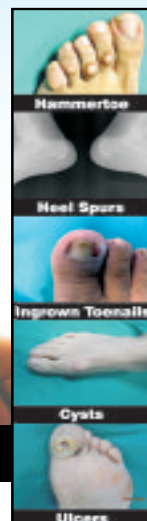
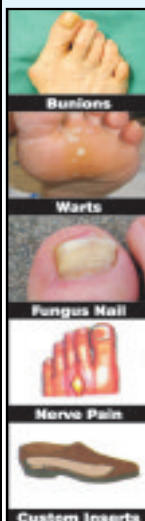
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Does Instagram owe Kodak some credit — or cash?

► One writer comments on the sale of the popular photo app to Facebook for \$1 billion ► Kodak now bankrupt, but clearly influenced this big payday

A few days ago, I was walking around the George Eastman Mansion in Rochester, N.Y., blissfully unaware that Facebook was preparing to buy Instagram for \$1 billion. I loved the tour. Eastman and his company, Kodak, turned early photography — an incredibly cumbersome and rarified process in the mid-1800s — into a portable, easy-to-repeat consumer obsession. Today, the obsession continues — but largely without Kodak, which is now mired in bankruptcy. In its place is, I guess, Instagram, the \$1 billion baly.

I still haven't decided if I'm happy that Facebook bought the digital photography app and social network. I am an Instagram user. I think I first noticed it when I saw some shared images on Twitter that reminded me of old Instamatic photos. That was clearly the appeal of Instagram: the ability to take everyday digital images from your iPhone (now Android, too!) or photo library and apply a filter that made the picture look like it was taken by a camera that Kodak made more than 50 years ago.

Every Instagrammed photo was somehow more authentic, like the act of adding a filter made the image handmade. These pictures look like you de-



► Unholy union or perfect match? Facebook and Instagram are now as one.

veloped them yourself.

There would be no Instagram without Eastman and Kodak. Even the Instagram logo is similar to a classic Kodak Instamatic camera — though I don't know that Instagram has ever paid a dime to Kodak.

The Eastman museum displayed a lot of Kodak's early cameras and related photography equipment, but no Instamatic that I could find. Although the camera arrived nearly 30 years after Eastman's death, it helped solidify Kodak's position in the "photography for everyone" pantheon. Clearly, the easy-to-use, low-cost and very portable camera

influenced the Instagram team.

Too bad Kodak couldn't have seen as far ahead as Eastman once was. Maybe it could've come up with the idea of Instagram.

That's a fantasy. The reality, though, is that Facebook and Instagram probably do owe Kodak something — maybe a debt of gratitude. Without Kodak, there would be no Instagram — and I bet Facebook would be a much duller place, too.

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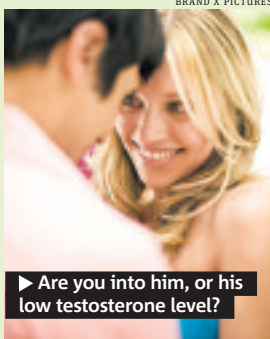
Today in medicine

Geography and heart disease

Study subjects: Nationwide survey of women's health
Location of study: U.S.
Results: New research from Brigham and Women's Hospital states that a woman's risk for cardiovascular inflammation — which can lead to heart disease — is higher if she lives in a state with a high rate of poverty. The individual's diet, weight, personal income level, exercise and smoking habits did not alter these findings.
Significance: "Geography matters for heart disease risk," lead researcher Dr. Cheryl R. Clark says.

Your taste in men might change if you're on the pill

Study subjects: 2,500 women worldwide taking oral contraceptives
Location of study: U.K.



► Are you into him, or his low testosterone level?

Results: In a new study from the University of Stirling in Scotland, women with lower testosterone levels were found to be more attracted to "less masculine" men with lower testosterone levels. A low testosterone level in women can be caused by the use of birth control pills. However, once these women stopped taking the pill, they had less interest in these "less masculine" men.
Significance: Although this contradicts the norm that women are attracted to men with high testosterone levels, other studies have found that men with lower testosterone are less likely to stray, more supportive and better at caring for their family.

Obesity and autism risk

Study subjects: 1,004 California children, aged 2 to 5
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A study in Pediatrics found that mothers who were 35 pounds or more overweight during pregnancy were more likely to deliver babies with autism or other like disorders. Obesity increases inflammation and often includes elevated levels of blood sugar, both of which pass into the baby via the mother's blood.
Significance: About 60 percent of childbearing-age women in the U.S. are overweight, according to the study's researchers. If you're overweight and ready for a baby, talk to your doctor about how to have a healthy pregnancy.

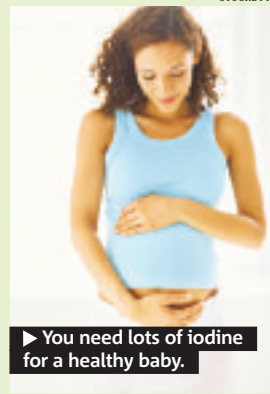
Young women and iodine deficiency

Study subjects: Women 20-39 years old
Location of study: U.S.
Results: A new CDC report states that young women in the U.S. have borderline levels of iodine, putting them at risk for io-

dine deficiency.

Significance: Iodine is necessary for thyroid health. The hormones in your thyroid help control growth and development, and if your thyroid doesn't work properly, you could develop mood swings and low energy levels. Pregnant women need a good supply of iodine for the healthy development of the fetus. Apart from salt, seaweed is an excellent source of dietary iodine. Seafood, dairy products, grains and eggs also provide it.

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► **Concern over "pink slime"**
88 percent of U.S. adults are aware of the "pink slime" issue.
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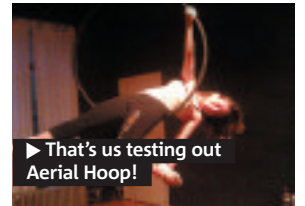
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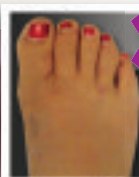
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War plus tax cuts equals recession

RE: "MEDIA ECHO CHAMBER OBSCURES THE TRUTH": Maybe if Mr. Sargent read more than one media source, he would know that the reason for the big deficit is a big tax cut followed by the cost of two wars that weren't made part of the budget until Obama was in office. And he would also know that most Americans are very afraid of what might happen to Social Security and Medicare.
KATHY KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL

Actually, voter fraud alive and well

RE: "BE VERY SCARED OF THE FRAUD MONSTER!": There is no voter fraud? Are you serious? Have you ever heard of ACORN? You know, the organization caught register-

ing dead people, Mickey Mouse, the Dallas Cowboys and thousands of other non-existent people all for the 2008 Obama election. Have you heard of the ACORN court cases and their records being seized? Or what about the voter fraud case in Troy, N.Y., in which absentee ballots were submitted and those individuals declared that they never voted? A quick Internet search for voter fraud will unveil that voter fraud is a problem. To say otherwise is delusional. And this claim about disenfranchising the poor is nonsense. We all have to have ID to work etc. Requiring a person to show ID to prove they are alive, registered to vote and physically living in the district is not disenfranchisement and to say otherwise is delusional.
MARY STONE, VIA E-MAIL

US pendulum tilts toward socialism

RE: "POLITICS: POINT ... AND COUNTERPOINT": That wasn't a counterpoint. It was more of a rant from a person on the edge. RFID implants, concentration camps sound more like a person who is "losing it"! Mr. Blong's remarks were points of truth. Can't you tell the difference between "point — counterpoint"? Not "point — insane rant!"
VERONICA HODGES, VIA E-MAIL

Conspiracy theories aside, the overreach of the federal government is all too apparent. Whether a government goes the Marxist route and nationalizes the bank, or goes the U.S. route and declares a right to take their income through the tax system and offer them tax payer capital as special

bailout loans, there is more than one road to fascism. Our pendulum is certainly swinging towards socialism — and away from capitalism.
HANS HAUGEN, ASTORIA

Amanda Bynes is just another Lohan

RE: "AMANDA BYNES ARRESTED FOR DUI": So what else is new? Actress Amanda Bynes arrested for DUI. The young lady has that blank look on her face in that mug shot. Sadly, it's the same blank face she has in all the movies I've seen her in. Even sadder, it's the blank-face look of today's entertainment industry, be it movies, TV or music.
HERB STARK, MASSAPEQUA

Depression wasn't an easy fix either

Everyone conveniently forgets that all the "experts" in the world couldn't make a dent in the Great Depression for over a decade, just like they can't do anything to fix the Great Recession.
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Horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Success shouldn't be denied you unless you get impatient and start to judge events before you have all the facts at your disposal. Hold your horses.
♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Just because you don't get everything you want is no reason to feel sorry for yourself. Concentrate on what you did get — and count your blessings, not the ones that got away.
♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. Instead of feeling obligated to do business with the same firm you've always gone to, try another company that is offering you a deal. Sentiment won't save you dollars.
♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. If you fail to stick to an earlier agreement and instead decide to break the pact you made, you'll cause complications for yourself and tarnish your image. Don't do it.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. It's fun to get together with friends and let it all hang out, but be careful to follow sensible health habits or you'll pay a price. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. If you're anticipating getting something for nothing, it'll make you quite vulnerable to a canny manipulator. Don't be anyone's puppet.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. If you sense

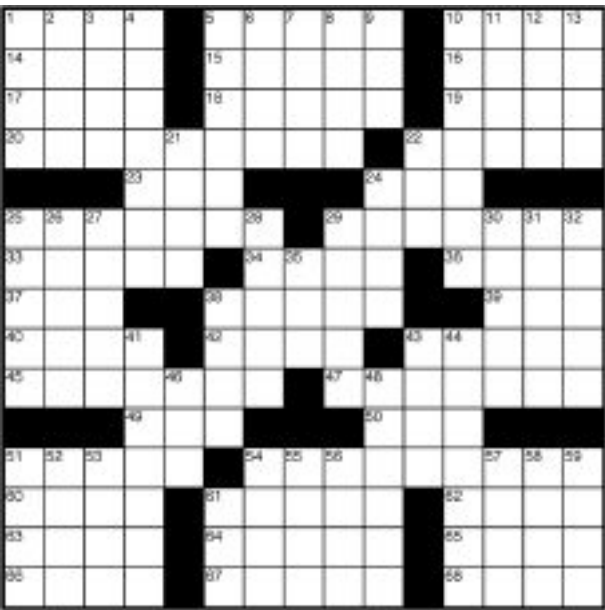
there is something wrong in a valued relationship, you should bring the matter out into the open. An honest, frank discussion should get things back on track.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Trying to rationalize your troubles away never works — it can be your worst enemy. This is especially so if it encourages you to postpone attending to a matter that needs immediate attention.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. It won't be one of your better days for managing personal resources if you are more reactive than introspective. Think of the consequences before you do anything.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. The results of your involvements are likely to be exactly as you anticipate. Be sure to think positive about everything and do what leads to victory, not defeat.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Although you normally keep everything you can out in the open, you might be tempted to resort to some subterfuge. Because this isn't your usual style, it'll make you very uncomfortable.
♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. If you're going to do something for a friend, do it out of the kindness of your heart and not in hopes of looking good and/or being rewarded.
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Across

- 1 Gymnastics move
- 5 LaBelle or LuPone
- 10 Ages upon ages
- 14 Queue
- 15 From the top
- 16 Lie adjacent
- 17 Medea sailed on her
- 18 Reflects on deeply
- 19 Night attire
- 20 Stays even (2 wds.)
- 22 Take forcibly
- 23 Open meadow
- 24 __ alai
- 25 Blunt an appetite
- 29 Wood protector
- 33 Listens to
- 34 Patch
- 36 Envelope sealer
- 37 PCB regulator
- 38 Skirmish
- 39 She bear, in Madrid
- 40 Sets a price
- 42 __ -a-brac
- 43 Kuwaiti cash
- 45 Exhibit
- 47 Some Persian rugs
- 49 Pacino and Unser
- 50 Recent (pref.)
- 51 Commuter's home
- 54 Greenish patina
- 60 Dijon dad
- 61 Actor Cornel __
- 62 Per
- 63 Room offerers
- 64 Detective __ Pinkerton
- 65 Winged Victory
- 66 Autograph site
- 67 Baker's buy
- 68 "Paint the Sky with Stars" singer

Down

- 1 Strong opposition
- 2 Trevi Fountain coins



- 3 "Picnic" penner
- 4 Inhabited
- 5 Gaucho's land
- 6 Water, in Baja
- 7 Soapstone
- 8 Mah-jongg piece
- 9 Those elected
- 10 Hoop or stud
- 11 Woodwind
- 12 Short pencils
- 13 Dele's undoing
- 21 Mermaids' domains
- 22 Clash of arms
- 24 Sculpture medium
- 25 In the lead
- 26 7-Up rival
- 27 Maxes out
- 28 Coarse corundum
- 29 Sweater style (hyph.)
- 30 Ms. Massey of old films
- 31 Black-eyed __
- 32 Gets the news
- 35 Auto pioneer
- Ransom __ Olds
- 38 Execs' degrees
- 41 Leanest
- 43 Fritz's three

- 44 Funny Coca
- 46 Attorney's deg.
- 48 Start a paragraph
- 51 "Aeneid," e.g.
- 52 Lawless role
- 53 Footed vases
- 54 Contemptible
- 55 She, in Seville
- 56 Vitamin amts.
- 57 Wet forecast
- 58 Yucky
- 59 One-time Queens ballpark
- 61 __ cool!

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SUDOKU LEVEL: HARD

Solution to yesterday's crossword



How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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In the news

**Petrino booted**

Bobby Petrino will have plenty of time to ride his motorcycle once he gets it out of the shop.

Petrino will not return as head football coach at Arkansas next season.

The married, 41-year-old coach got into a motorcycle accident last week with 25-year-old Jessica Dorrell, a former volleyball player, riding with him. Petrino admitted to having an inappropriate relationship with Dorrell.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: RANGERS vs. SENATORS

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Time to Step up

**Predictions****Stand down, Mr. Senator**

Series MVP — Henrik Lundqvist. Yes, you could probably name the Rangers' goalie MVP of every series. But we know the Blueshirts are going to score, they just need to stop Jason Spezza and the Sens' attack.

Could the Rangers lose? — The No. 1 seed isn't as sure a thing in the NHL and New York did lose three of four during the season. Ottawa has tremendous speed and a great transition game with Erik Karlsson and Spezza.

Result — Rangers in 5.

- Rangers center Derek Stepan brings youth to the forefront in playoffs
- Quiet player brings very loud game
- Power play improves with change

Derek Stepan's maturity is astounding when you consider he is just 21 years old.

It would be easy for anyone to feel a sense of satisfaction for a job well done with Atlantic Division championship hats and T-shirts folded neatly at each athlete's stall in the Greenburgh practice facility Monday. Yet, the second-year center from Wisconsin was eyeing the possibility of what could be.

"We're happy with what we did this season, but we have bigger fish to fry now. We don't want to get too far ahead of

51 Stepan was fourth on the team in scoring with 51 points. He had 17 goals, which was also fourth.

ourselves. They're nice T-shirts and they show what kind of year we had," Stepan said of the swag. "Very happy about it, but we have bigger things to worry about."

Stepan is the quiet kid on a team populated by star power and outsized personalities. But make no mistake about it, if the Rangers are to advance

deep into the playoffs, Stepan, whom Brandon Dubinsky termed "a great player" toward the end of the regular season, will be a key contributor.

"They're all different players, but everything is the same mindset. Play the same style. How we do it is a little bit different if you're playing with Marian or Callahan or Dubinsky," Stepan said. "Everyone is different. Everyone has a different style, but we all have the same idea."

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Stepan drives power play

One area in which head coach John Tortorella tinkered with personnel was on the power play. He ended the regular season with Stepan on the left point and Michael Del Zotto on the right point.

The Rangers were 10-for-49 (20.4 percent) with the man advantage in their final 14 games after sitting at 14.7 percent in their first



68 games. Del Zotto tallied a goal and two assists while Stepan had a goal and three assists during the 14-game stretch.

"I just think they work well together. I'm not sure if Michael feels more comfortable with him," Tortorella said of the new pairing. "Since we moved Step there I think it's just more [fluid]."

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Rangers playoff schedule



Game 1: Tomorrow, 7 p.m. (MSG)

► SENATORS at RANGERS

► Ottawa won the regular season series 3-1, including the last two games.

Game 2: Saturday, April 14, 7 p.m. (MSG)

► SENATORS at RANGERS

► The Senators outscored the Rangers 14-8 in the season series.

Game 3: Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. (MSG)

► RANGERS at SENATORS

► Jason Spezza leads the Senators in points with 84.

Game 4: Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. (MSG)

► RANGERS at SENATORS

► Milan Michalek is Ottawa's leading goal scorer with 35.

Game 5: Saturday, April 21, 7 p.m. (MSG)

► SENATORS at RANGERS (IF NECESSARY)

► Marian Gaborik is led New York in goals (41) and points (76).

Game 6: Monday, April 23, TBD (MSG)

► RANGERS at SENATORS (IF NECESSARY)

► New York goalie Henrik Lundqvist has a 1.97 GAA (No. 2 in NHL among starters).

Game 7: Thursday, April 26, TBD (MSG)

► SENATORS at RANGERS (IF NECESSARY)

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Marian Gaborik is ranked No. 15 in the NHL in points. He is third in goals scored, behind only Steven Stamkos and Evgeni Malkin.

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Henrik Lundqvist had eight shutouts in the regular season. That is tied for third in the NHL behind Jonathan Quick and Brian Elliott.

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Ryan McDonagh led the Rangers in +/- during the regular season. The defenseman was ranked No. 11 in the NHL. He played all 82 games.

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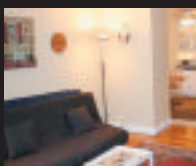
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In NYC, quality-of-life complaints soaring, along with litigation



How long should New Yorkers be forced to suffer a particularly loud (or uniquely odorous) neighbor?

For co-op and condo dwellers, the answer increasingly seems to be “not very long.” Over the past several years, attorneys and building managers say they’ve seen a noticeable uptick in the number of disputes between neighbors in New York City buildings, especially when it comes to noise and smell. As a result, condo and co-op boards are turning to attorneys with greater frequency, leading to higher legal fees and spikes in maintenance and common charges.

Aaron Shmulewitz, an attorney at Manhattan law firm Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman, says the number of neighbor-versus-neighbor, quality-of-life complaints he’s dealing with at co-ops and condos has doubled over the past several years.

Experts point to a number of reasons for the increase in disputes. The first is financial; people who purchased or refinanced at the peak of the market are sitting on assets that are not worth what they originally paid, Shmulewitz notes. That, combined with layoffs or financial pressures, sometimes causes frustration to spill over into neighborly disputes.

Some credence to that argument can be found in the city’s 311 data: Both noise and odor complaints peaked in 2009, at

the height of the economic downturn in Manhattan, according to data from the New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications. In 2009, some 251,000 311 calls were complaints about noise, compared to 203,000 in 2011.

Another factor is shoddy or rushed work by developers during the real estate boom, leading to ill-conceived floor plans and units that allow noise and smell to travel easily from one apartment to another.

Ron Bielinski is a principal at Manhattan-based forensic architectural and engineering firm Erwin & Bielinski, which deals with noise and odor migration. He says he has seen a steady increase in work over the last five years.

Noise troubleshooter Alan Fierstein, founder and president of Acoustilog, says his workload has steadily increased since 2006, when new developments were constructed quickly — often at the expense of proper structural design. “I don’t know if people are getting more sensitive,” Fierstein says. “But they have more things to complain about.” **PETER KIEFER**

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THE REAL DEAL

The true cost of noisy neighbors

Beyond the intangibles of tension between neighbors, disputes can also result in higher maintenance and common charges for a building’s tenants. Sound testing, for example, usually costs between \$5,000 and \$10,000 —

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Keepsake items

Saving your prom dress for your daughter? Have a separate storage area for archival items, says Fascitelli. Wrap them in acid-free tissue and store them in an acid-free box.

Quick-hit tips

- Organize jewelry on a peg board.
- Add lighting in your closet such as directional LED lighting or battery-powered bright lights.
- Store seasonal clothes in a suitcase.



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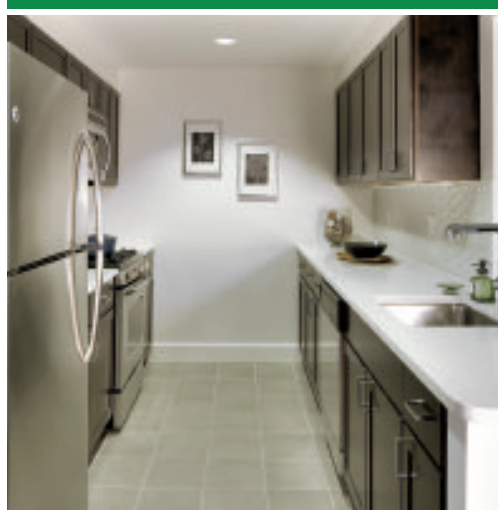
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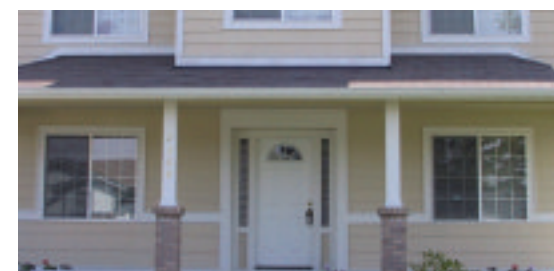
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Edit your wardrobe

"The first thing you need to do is get yourself a partner, someone you trust, to help you edit," says Fascitelli. "This person is someone who is going to tell you the truth, whose style you admire and who has a good eye for your own personal style. Editing or culling your wardrobe is not only about finding things that you haven't worn in one or two years but also asking, 'Would I buy this today?'"

Color code

Sort your clothes by color and type. Keep pants with pants and skirts with skirts, and then organize each category from



► Fascitelli

light to dark, says Fascitelli. "This is a visual merchandising trick that makes your eye follow the color. It's easier to get to your stuff this way."

It's all about the hangers

"The least expensive thing you can do to get your closet organized and cleaned up is to buy all the same style and color hanger," says Fascitelli, who prefers using a neutral color. For her product line, Clos-ette Too, she says they spent years developing the perfect hanger. "It's a skinny, soft hanger in five different styles for all different types of garments," she says of the end product. "And they

Reuse and recycle

Once you figure out what you're keeping and what's going, find a consignment store. "It's green — you're recycling your clothing," says Fascitelli, who likes Linda's Stuff on eBay. She also suggests giving directly to a charity, such as Dress for Success.

have very short drops, so you're not just saving on horizontal space but vertical [too]."

To fold or to hang?

The general rule is "hang everything you can," says Fascitelli. If you don't have too much space on your closet rod, the items she specifically feels should be hung are coats, pants, dresses, suits, tailored shirts, silk blouses and gowns. The best items to fold and store on a shelf or in a drawer are T-shirts, sweaters, gym clothes, jeans and delicacies — such as beaded and cashmere pieces.

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# Apts. Available	Apartment Size	Household Size*	Total Annual Maximum Income Ranges**
23	1 Bedroom	1	\$23,240
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91	1 Bedroom	1	\$29,050
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Tenant rent is approximately 30% of Adjusted Gross Monthly Income based on Section 8 guidelines. Rent includes gas for cooking.

Apartments are designated for the Elderly, one of whom must be at least 62 years of age at the time the application is submitted.

Qualified Applicants will be required to meet income guidelines and additional selection criteria. To request an application, mail a **SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** to: **Riverway LLC c/o: The Wavecrest Management Team, 87-14 Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418**, or download from [Riverwayapts.com](#). Completed applications must be returned by **regular mail only** (no priority, certified, registered, express, or overnight mail will be accepted) to a **post office box number that will be listed with the application, and must be postmarked by 8/15/11**. Applications postmarked after 8/15/11 will be set aside for possible future consideration. Applications will be selected by lottery; applicants who submit more than one application will be disqualified. Disqualified applications will not be accepted. A general preference will be given to New York City residents. Current and eligible residents of **Brooklyn Community Board 16** will receive preference for 10% of the units. Eligible seniors currently residing in a NYCHA building will receive preference for 20% of the units.



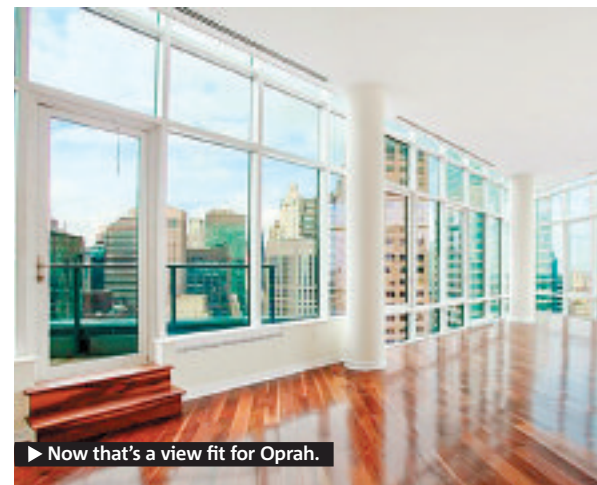
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Oprah sells Midtown East condo for \$7.9M



► Now that's a view fit for Oprah.

A penthouse apartment at the Place 57 condominium on East 57th Street owned by media mogul Oprah Winfrey has sold to London-based hedge fund partner Mark Hillery and his wife Melissa for \$7.9 million, sales person Anjollie Fedarov of SKNY Real Estate, who represented the buyer, told The Real Deal.

Hillery, who works for Brevan Howard, Europe's largest hedge fund manager, "recognized the value that New York



► Winfrey

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real estate represented compared to other world capitals," Fedarov said. "[They] were looking for a New York home that they felt was a good representation of the excitement of the city."

The Hillerys are planning a "high-end" makeover to the 36th-floor unit, which features 2,530 square feet of wall-to-ceiling windows and a 768-square-foot terrace. They are going to "open up some of the spaces and take advantage of

the magnificent views," Fedarov said.

Oprah purchased the penthouse in January 2008 for \$7.1 million under the name Sophie's Penthouse LLC, which reportedly referred to her late cocker spaniel.

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
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